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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 24, 2002, reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-33 are pending.

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, the Examiner has entered a three-way restriction requirement between claims 1-29 drawn to an activated modular grafted polymeric surface (Group I); claims 30-31 drawn to a method of affinity capture, presentation or preparation of a biomolecule (Group II); and claims 32-33 drawn to the activated modular grafted polymeric surface in a modular three-dimensional form (Group III).

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the Group I claims.

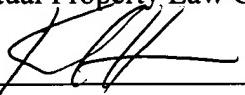
In addition, and for purpose of initial examination only, Applicants also elect "species E" as set forth in the Office Action on page 4 – that is, the activated modular grafted polymeric surface of claim 1 having a reagent bound thereto, wherein the reagent is a chelating metal. Claim 1 is generic to this species, while claims 11, 12 and 18 read thereon.

In view of the above remarks, consideration and allowance of claims 1-29 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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